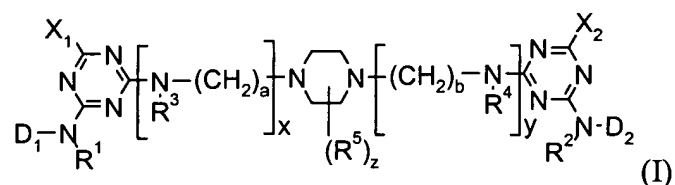


In the Claims

1. (original) A dyestuff of the formula I



wherein

each of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 , independently, is H or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

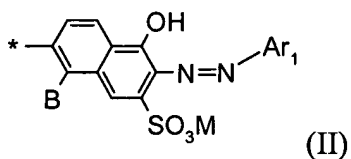
each of X_1 and X_2 , independently, is a labile atom or group;

each of x and y , independently, is 0 or 1 and at least one of x and y is 1;

each of a and b is 2 to 5 and when each of x and y is 1, $a > b$; and

z is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4.

D_1 is a group of the formula II



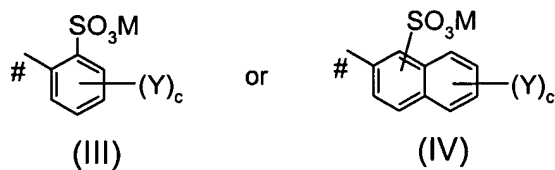
wherein

B is H or SO_3M ;

M is H, an alkali metal, an ammonium ion or the equivalent of an alkaline earth metal;

* indicates the bond to the triazinylamino group;

Ar₁ is a group of the formula III or of the formula IV

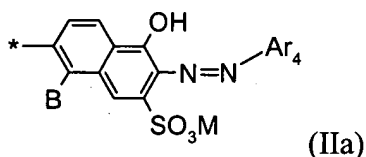


wherein

the or each Y independently is SO₃M or an alkyl group, c is 0, 1 or 2, M is

defined as given above and # indicates the bond to the azo group; or

D₁ is a group of the formula IIa



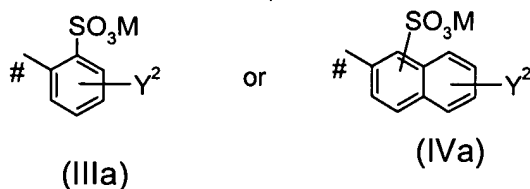
wherein

B is H or SO₃M;

M is H, an alkali metal, an ammonium ion or the equivalent of an alkaline earth metal;

* indicates the bond to the triazinylamino group;

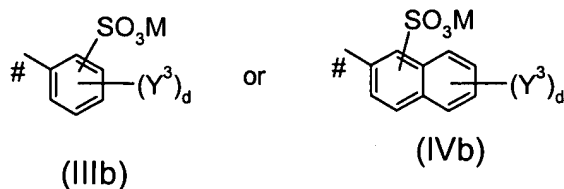
Ar₄ is a group of the formula IIIa or of the formula IVa



wherein

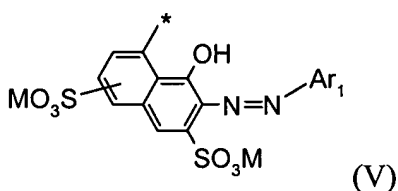
Y² is -N=N-Ar₅, M is defined as given above and # indicates the bond to the azo group, wherein

Ar₅ is a group of the formula IIIb or of the formula IVb



wherein the or each Y³ independently is SO₃M or an alkyl group, d is 0, 1 or 2, M is defined as given above and # indicates the bond to the azo group; or

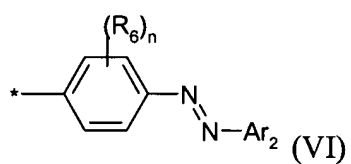
D₁ is a group of the formula V



wherein

M, * and Ar₁ are defined as given above; or

D₁ is a group of the formula VI



wherein

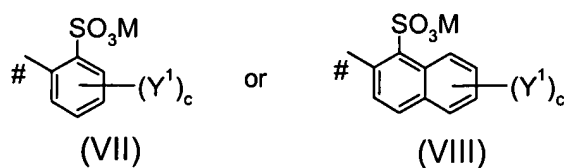
* is defined as given above

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

the or each R₆ independently is H, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, NHCONH₂,

NHCO(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, SO₃M or halogen;

Ar₂ is a group of the formula VII or of the formula VIII



wherein

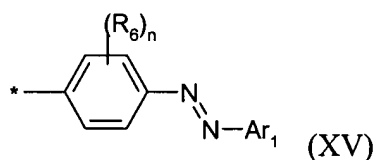
the or each Y^1 independently is SO_3M or an alkyl group or $-N=N-Ar_3$, wherein

Ar_3 is an optionally substituted phenylene or naphthylene moiety;

c is 0, 1 or 2, M is defined as given above and # indicates the bond to the azo group;

or

D_1 is a group of the formula (XV)



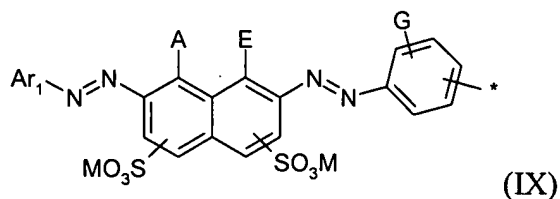
wherein R^6 , Ar_1 , n and $*$ are defined as given above

D_1 is an azoacetoacetamidoaryl, azopyridone, azopyrazolone or an azopyrimidine chromophore;

D_2 is a group of the formula II, provided D_1 is not a group of the formula V; or

D_2 is a group of the formula IIa; or

D_2 is a group of the formula IX



wherein

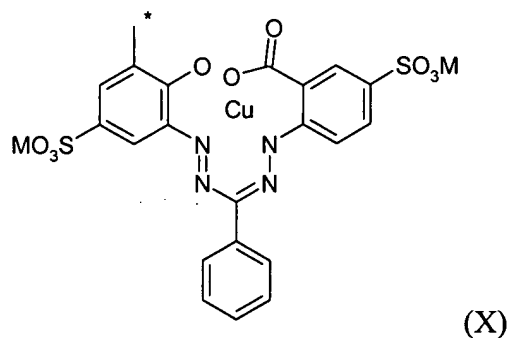
A and E are independently OH or NH₂ and A ≠ E;

G is H, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, SO₃M or halogen; and

Ar₁, M and * are defined as given above; or

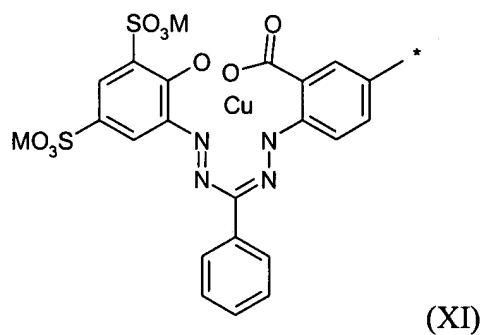
D₂ is a group of the formula VI; or

D₂ is a group of the formula X



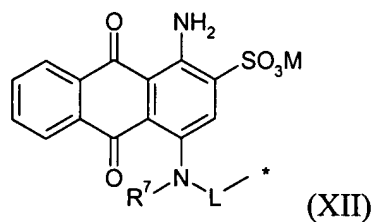
wherein M and * are defined as given above; or

D₂ is a group of the formula XI



wherein M and * are defined as given above; or

D₂ is a group of the formula XII



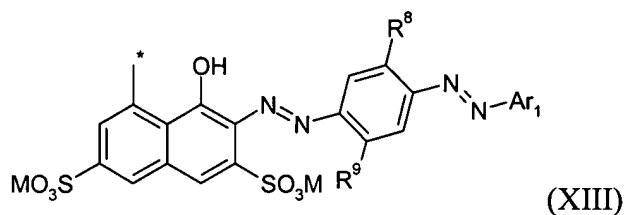
wherein

R⁷ is H or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

L is a divalent moiety and

M and * are defined as given above; or

D₂ is a group of the formula XIII

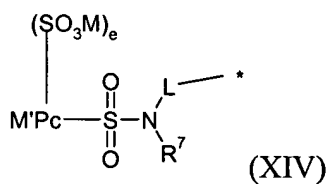


wherein

R⁸ and R⁹, independently, are H, halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy; and

M, Ar₁ and * are defined as given above; or

D₂ is a group of the formula XIV



wherein

M' is a metal atom;

Pc is a phthalocyanine chromophore;

e is < 4; and

M, L and R⁷ are defined as given above; or

D₂ is a group of the formula XV; or

D₂ is an azoacetoacetamidoaryl, azopyridone, azopyrazolone or an azopyrimidine chromophore.

2. (original) A dyestuff of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, wherein D₁ and D₂ both are a group of the formula (II), with the proviso, however, that D₁ ≠ D₂ or D₁ = D₂ if R¹ ≠ R².

3. (original) A dyestuff of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, wherein

D₁ is a group of the formula (II) and

D₂ is a group of the formula (IX).

4. (original) A dyestuff of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, wherein

D₁ is a group of the formula (V) and

D₂ is a group of the formula (XV).

5. (original) A dyestuff of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, wherein

D₁ is a group of the formula (XV) or an azoacetoacetamidoaryl, azopyridone, azopyrazolone or an azopyrimidine chromophore; and

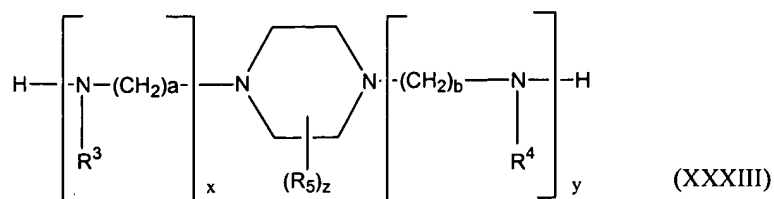
D₂ is a group of the formula (IX), a group of the formula (X), a group of the formula

(XI), a group of the formula (XII), a group of the formula (XIII) or a group of the formula (XIV).

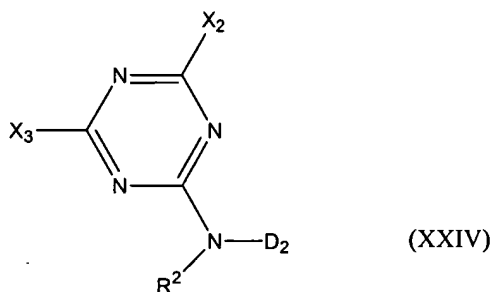
6. (original) A dyestuff of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, wherein D_1 is a group of the formula (II), a group of the formula (VI) or an azoacetoacetamidoaryl, azopyridone, azopyrazolone or an azopyrimidine chromophore; and D_2 is a group of the formula (VI), or an azoacetoacetamidoaryl, azopyridone, azopyrazolone or an azopyrimidine chromophore.

Claims 7 - 12 (cancelled)

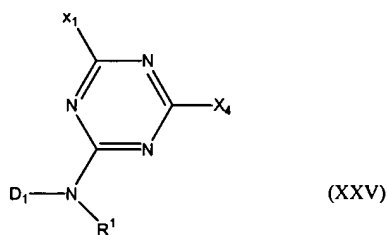
13. (New) A dyestuff as claimed in claim 1, wherein X_1 and X_2 are halogen.
14. (New) A dyestuff as claimed in claim 12, wherein X_1 and X_2 are chlorine.
15. (New) A dyestuff as claimed in claim 1, wherein M is H or an alkaline metal.
16. (New) A dyestuff as claimed in claim 14, wherein M is sodium.
17. (New) A dyestuff as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are H.
18. (New) A dyestuff as claimed in claim 1, wherein $a = b = 2$ with $x = 0$ and $y = 1$ or $x = 1$ and $y = 0$.
19. (New) A process for preparing the dyestuff of formula I as claimed in claim 1, which comprises reacting a piperazine compound of the formula XXIII



wherein R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , a , b , x , y , and z are defined as given in claim 1, with a compound of the formula XXIV



wherein R^2 , X_2 and D_2 are defined as given in claim 1 and X_3 is a labile atom or a group capable of reaction with an amine, chlorine, and with a compound of the formula XXV



wherein R^1 , X_1 and D_1 are defined as given in claim 1 and X_4 has one of the meanings of X_3 .

20. (New) A process for dyeing and printing hydroxy- and/or carboxamido-containing fibre materials which comprises contacting said material with the

dyestuff of the formula I according to claim 1.